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By the Lords Justices of England,  
**A P R O C L A M A T I O N.**

Tho. Cantuar. J. Sommers C.S. Pembroke C.P.S. Devonshire. Shrewsbury. Dorset. Godolphin.



Whereas We have Received Information from the Governour and Company of Merchants of London Trading to the East Indies, That one Henry Every Commander of the Ship called the Phancy, of Forty six Guns, and One hundred and thirty Men, has, under English Colours, acted as a Common Pirate and Robber upon the High Seas, and hath presumed under such Colours to Commit several Acts of Piracy upon the Seas of India or Persia, which may occasion great Damage to the Merchants of England, Trading into those Parts; We have therefore thought fit (by the Advice of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council) to Issue this Proclamation, hereby Declaring, That the said Henry Every, together with divers other English Men and Foreigners, to the Number of about One hundred and thirty, did Steal and Run away with the said Ship then called the Charles, from the Port of Corona in Spain; And that the said Henry Every hath not any Commission or Authority from His Majesty to Command the Ship or the Men therein, but that the said Henry Every, and such as are with him in the said Ship, are Pirates, and Common Robbers upon the High Seas. And We do hereby Charge and Command all His Majesties Admirals, Captains, and other Officers at Sea, and all His Majesties Governours and Commanders of any Ports, Castles, or other Places in His Majesties Plantations, or otherwise, to Seize and Take the said Henry Every, and such as are with him in the said Ship, and cause them to be punished as Pirates upon the High Seas, and in case of Resistance to Sink and Destroy the said Ship. And We do hereby further Declare, That in case any of the Persons who are in the said Ship with the said Henry Every, shall Discover the said Henry Every, so as that the said Henry Every, or the said Ship may be Seized or Taken, or shall be otherwise Instrumental in Seizing the said Henry Every, or the said Ship, he or they making such Discovery or Seizure, shall have His Majesties Gracious Pardon for their Offences: And that such Person or Persons, or any other Person or Persons who shall Discover the said Henry Every, so as the said Henry Every, or the said Ship may be Seized or Taken, or shall be otherwise Instrumental in Seizing the said Henry Every, or the said Ship, he or they making such Discovery or Seizure, shall have a Reward of Five hundred Pounds, which said Sum of Five hundred Pounds the Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury are hereby Required and Directed to Pay accordingly.

Given at the Council Chamber at Whitehall, the Seventeenth Day of July, 1696. In the Eighth Year of His Majesties Reign.

**God save the King.**

L O N D O N,

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